

# Legislative Process WQCC February 24, 2009

# Office of Legislative Affairs

Primary Contact point between the Water Boards and the Legislature, and between the Water Boards, Cal/EPA and the Governor's Office on legislative matters.

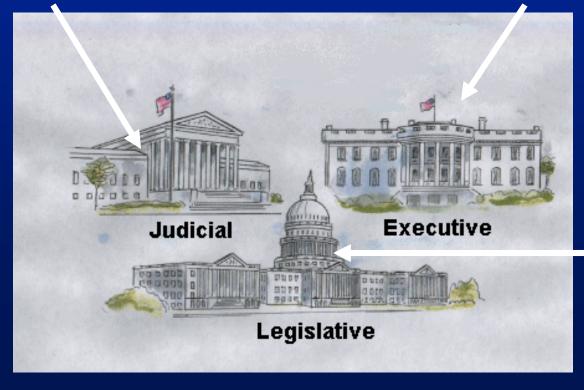
- Legislative Proposals
- Bill Review
- Bill Analysis and EBRs
- Education/Relationship Building/Partnerships
- Monitor Federal Legislation
- Report Tracking and Follow Up
- Legislative Correspondence and Communication

# State of California's Legislative Process

# Branches of Government

Judicial interprets the laws

Governor and State Agencies implement the laws



Legislature writes the laws

### The Legislature – the basics

- Composed of two houses Senate & Assembly
- Two year bill cycle
- Majority vote needed for most bills
- 2/3 vote needed for bills that make an appropriation and urgency measures

#### How a Bill Becomes Law

1st House

2<sup>nd</sup> House

Legislator Introduces a bill

Bill is heard in a Policy Committee i.e.
Enviro. Safety, Natural Resources, etc.

Bill is heard in Fiscal Committee

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Floor Vote

Enrolled bills

**Governor's Desk** 



**Veto** – Bill dies

Sign – Most bills become law Jan. 1st of the next year

Not Signed or Vetoed – bill becomes law

# State Water Board's Internal Legislative Processes

## Legislative Concepts and Proposals

Legislative Concept Development (July/August)

Legislative Proposal Development (Sept/October)

Cal/EPA Review and Approval

Governor's Office Review and Approval



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# State Water Board Internal Bill Analysis Process

Time Frames and Routing of Analysis

**OLA Daily Bill Review** 

OLA assignment to SWRCB Divisions and Regional Boards as appropriate:

- Analyze
- Watch
- •Info Res

Bill Analysis Drafting and Comments--SWRCB Divisions and Regional Boards -- 10 days OLA consolidates input, reviews, and edits analysis & routes to Executive Office and to Board Members

Analysis revised as needed, Executive Director signature Analysis to Cal/EPA

Ca/IEPA Review/Recommendation

Governor's Office Review

Governor's Office approved position?

**Yes** – OLA communicate position

NO - No Action

#### Possible Positions

O = Oppose

**OUA = Oppose Unless Amended** 

S = Support

**SA** = **Support** if **Amended** 

N = Neutral

**NA** = **Neutral** if Amended

# Some important reminders

- The State Water Board makes recommendations to Cal/EPA and the Governor's Office, but <u>only the Governor can approve a position</u>.
- In order to lobby/communicate a position on legislation, the Waterboards must have an approved position from the Governor's Office.
- With a Governor's Office approved position, OLA is responsible for communicating the Administration's position to the Legislature.
- Analyses and the discussion of analyses are CONFIDENTIAL.

#### **HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW**



**AS INTRODUCED** 



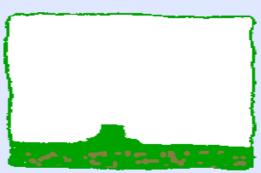
FIRST AMENDMENT



SECOND AMENDMENT



**AS ENACTED** 



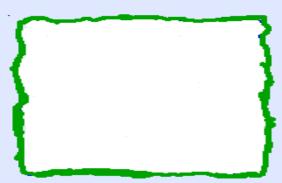
AS FUNDED BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE



AS IMPLEMENTED BY THE STATE AGENCY



AS REPORTED BY THE MEDIA



AS UNDERSTOOD BY THE PUBLIC



WHAT WAS ACTUALLY NEEDED